

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

Shutler Cabinets

West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Shutler Cabinets Improves Safety in its Manufacturing Process

Client Profile:

Shutler Cabinets, a manufacturer of custom wood kitchen cabinets, is located in Moundsville, West Virginia. Established in 1988, the privately-owned company employs 22 people.

Situation:

Shutler Cabinets sought to locate an organization that could provide quality fire extinguisher training for incipient fires and called upon the West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WVMEP), a NIST MEP network affiliate, for help.

Solution:

WVMEP conducted fire extinguisher training for incipient fires for employees of Shutler Cabinets using its BulEx fire extinguisher training system. The real fire simulator makes training cleaner, safer and smarter. Patented technology senses where the trainee aims and sweeps the compressed air/water training extinguishers and automatically varies the flames in response. The trainee experiences the feel of extinguishing the fire without the cost and mess associated with conventional live fire extinguisher training. WVMEP also provided OSHA (Occupational Health & Safety Administration) safety and health training for Shutler Cabinets in an effort to assist them with special projects and/or jobs that exceed the capacity of their staff. This training has provided critical documentation to minimize OSHA citations and meet and exceed mandated OSHA regulations. The fire extinguisher training program led to an improved fire prevention program that the company feels will provide an even safer work environment. Based upon these results, Shutler Cabinets plans to continue to use the services of WVMEP in the future.

Results:

* Loss prevention estimated at \$900,750.

Testimonial:

"We received good feedback from everyone regarding the live-fire training. Most workers said if we didn't conduct the portable fire extinguisher training, they would have not known how to use them, if needed. Thanks WVMEP for a job well done!"

Chris Williams, Safety Supervisor